the occasion of golden jubilee year and the sources from which these proposals have been received;

(b) the number of proposals accepted, rejected and the number of films made; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to avoid delay in the work depicting achievements through films and to make films as early as possible?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) Four proposals have been received by the Films Division to make documentaries depicting departmental achievements on the occasion of Golden Jubillee year. Three of them are from the Ministry of External Affairs for production of video films on the titles "Development in Energy". "Development in Agriculture" and "Development in Industry". The fourth one is from the Ministry of Home Affairs (Department of Official Language) for production of film on `Rajabhasha Hindi Ke Prachar Prasar Sambhandit film'. It has been decided to produce the above films.

(c) No delay is anticipated in completion of the above films.

Construction of Flyover

2457. SHRI THAWAR CHAND GEHLOT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the places in the country where flyovers are being constructed in the railway lines falling on National Highways;

(b) whether the Government are considering to construct a flyover near Maksi Railway Station on Ujjain-Bhopal railway line falling on Agra-Mumbai National Highway; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Information is not maintained Highway-wise.

(b) and (c) A Road Over Bridge in lieu of level crossing No. 51 A at Maksi on Ujjain - Bhopal was approved in the Budget of 1987-88. The State Govt. had not approved the drawing till 1993 due to which the work had to be dropped from the Railways' Work Programme of 1994-95.

Maithon Thermal Power Station

2458. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are considering to set up Maithon right bank Thermal Power Station;

(b) whether the Overseas Economics Finance Corporation of Japan has allocated funds for this project but the Government has transferred this amount for another project in U.P.; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Various alternatives for funding the execution of Maithon Right Bank Thermal Project of the Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) have been considered including position it to the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF) of the Government of Japan. OECF has not allocated any funds for the project so far.

Fluoride affected Water in Rajasthan

2459. SHRI SHYAM LAL BANSHIWAL : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government are aware that various types of ailments are spreading among the villagers of Tonk district in Rajasthan due to excess contents of fluoride in drinking water;

(b) if so, the reasons for not taking any action in this regard for a long time; and

(c) the time by which remedial action is likely to be taken in that regard ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) At the instance of Government of India, the National Industrial Development Coorporation Limited has perpared and submitted a Project Report on Pilot Project for providing safe drinking water to 171 fluoride affected villages of block Tonk in Rajasthan at an estimated cost of Rs. 10.38 crore. The proposed Pilot project has already been considered by the Governement of India and sent to the State Government of Rajasthan for their comments/suggestions for further action in the matter.

[English]

Development of Scientific Establishments

2460. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a need to develop science and technology to promote the causes of scientists and also to develop scientific establishments;

(b) whether the Government are laying any emphasis in that regard; and